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JUVENILE SUPPLEMENT

BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

Potter, Miriam Clark — Lippincott
HERE COMES MRS. GOOSE — $2.65

More about the kith and kin of Animaltown in a book that is as full of dead pan whimsy of the catchy variety as was its predecessor *Hello! Mrs. Goose* (1947, p.336) Mrs. Goose's friends- the Pop-Rabbit family, Mrs. Squirrel, Black Cat, Mr. Gobble and the rest, suffer through that lady's absentminded foibles and amazing streaks of stupidity with patience and politeness as well as outbursts of backtalk. She does things like forgetting to come to dinner, buying a wrist watch and then discovering the lack of a wrist, upchucking unswallowed prunestones- while through it all the animals kid each other with an artless ingratiation. The pictures by the author are strongly designed ink drawings using techniques of entirely white or blacked out areas with dots or criss-cross strokes for shadings. They have an old fashioned quality all their own and suit a taste for animal slapstick that is still with us. (2/18:LC-52-13725)

ACTIVITY BOOKS

Fisher, Aileen, -*Ed.* — Plays, Inc.
HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS — $3.50

For the age level of about the fifth to the eighth grade, a well stocked and neatly divided book of plays, poems and group readings for school year holidays. All of the plays have mixed casts and can be simply set and the readings are for boys and girls to do together. Starting with Columbus Day and finishing with graduation there are two or more one-act plays for each occasion- "The Weaver's Son" is about Columbus at the age of fourteen; a flashback to 1787 and the words of Thomas Paine make a play to point up the workability of the United Nations. Readings and recitations are on similar themes. Some of the pieces have been reprinted from childrens' magazines and some of the notable sections are United Nations Week, Book Week and group readings for all the seasons. (Pub. LC- 52-11997)

EIGHT TO ELEVEN- FICTION

Lansing, Elisabeth Hubbard — Crowell
DEER MOUNTAIN HIDEAWAY — $2.50

A practiced hand at stories to rouse the nine and ten year old sense of suspense *(Shoot for a Mule* and *The Pony that Kept a Secret)* with another mystery complete with poachers, mistaken game wardens and an old buck grieving for a lost family. Fred, Janey and Hank, all about twelve, build a hideout near their New England country home. They are unable to arouse a lazy game warden, Joe Patches, when poachers invade the deer sanctuary and are even out-maneuvered by a posing poacher whom they think is a new game warden. Plenty of tracking and escaping build up to the arrival of authentic officials and a restoration of peace in the land. Marc Simont's pictures get the vim of the story. (March ?: LC- 52-13134)

Cumming, Marian — Harcourt, Brace
JUST LIKE NANCY — $2.50

Nancy was Marjory's sister in *All About Marjory* (1950, p. 560) and again we have the setting of turn-of-the-century Texas in a little girl growing up story that takes Nancy through the seven to eight year old steps that Marjory took before. More of a practical nature than her imaginative sister, Nancy does things like helping nurse in a chicken pox epidemic in the kindergarten- or worrying about being original.

Thanksgiving, a new baby in the family, are more occasions for Nancy to prove her dependability. An entirely merry, affable book bound to elicit sympathetic feelings from the age group. The wiry line drawings by Ed Sweet are quite in tune with the times. (2/26 - LC-52-11963)

Steele, William O. Harcourt, Brace
WILDERNESS JOURNEY $2.50

A bracing young tale of a journey from Holston River settlement to French Salt Lick in 1782 that is a journey to manhood as well. Sickly, incapable Flan Taylor's family had moved west and left him behind to recover a winter worn health. Now the ten year old had to make the journey with the big longhunter Chapman Green and on the way, to learn that quickness and intelligence count as much as brawn in the wilderness. The strength of Paul Galdone's drawings completes a satisfying book. (2/26: LC- 52-11964)

Houston, Alma Lippincott
NUKI $2.65

However authentic they may be, it is discouraging when Eskimo stories continue to sound remarkably like tales of a typical American family which has been somehow transplanted to the arctic. This one is a year in the life of an eleven year old boy Nuki. During its course Nuki goes on his first seal hunt, is temporarily bereaved when his father Kalingo is believed lost on the ice, teases his young sister, escapes killer whales in his kayak, kills an angry bull walrus which he can bring home proudly to his mother, and so forth. In themselves, the events are thrilling, but an unfortunately babyish narration, that all but predicts each thing before it happens, kills reality and turns the Eskimos into Pollyannas. Kurt Werth's heavily accented drawings show the northern characteristics well. (2/18: LC-52-13724)

Lockridge, Frances and Richard Lippincott
THE LUCKY CAT $2.25

A sequel to these two cat-o-philes' delightfully meticulous and revealing *The Proud Cat* (1951; p. 482) describes the adventures of Siamese Flutters, after she gets out of the Burns' apartment and is temporarily lost. A careful and quietly humorous narrative follows Flutters' trials with dogs, other cats, feelings about humans, traffic, takes her to her sanctuary in the apartment of a poor boy Tim,- and in loving detail increases cat-human understanding. For a reward after Tim's father sees the newspaper ad about Flutters, Patty and Howdy take Tim to their aunt's where he is given one of the lovably dignified Diana's kittens. Zhenya Gay's drawings for the story are expressively soft and full of life. (2/18: LC- 52-12909)

Woolley, Catherine Morrow
HOLIDAY ON WHEELS $2.50

*Most parents and teachers face the problem of dealing with boys like David who get big ideas but just can't follow through on them. The question on this book is whether there is enough story and fun in it to outweigh mother's disapproval, David's own sense of failure, and Dad's "chin up" kind of talk. At any rate, David who starts out to handle a paper route in a fury of enthusiasm, gives it up after one day because he can't master the knack of flipping the papers on to the top step of subscribers' porches, and also because it's more fun to couple a new friend's wagon to his bike than to deliver papers. He also turns back on a rather strenuous bike trip he undertakes with a friend. But when his father stands behind him and will not let him renege when the going proves tough on a Maine vacation David learns the fun of sticking it through and decides to try the paper route again. Worth while! (3/18)

At Work Series Garden City
Feb. '53 ea. $1.50

Elting, Mary- MACHINES AT WORK- Ills: Laszlo Roth
Elting, Mary- SHIPS AT WORK- Ills: Manning de V. Lee
Elting, Mary- TRAINS AT WORK- Ills: David Lyle Millard
Elting, Mary- TRUCKS AT WORK- Ills. Ursula Koering

*Here is a series to compare favorably with the Franklin Watts *First Book* series. Mary Elting has done one book for Watts- *The First Book of Nurses* (1951- p. 153) and now brings talents for organization, clarity and colorful texts to Garden City. Though not in the same sequence, the elements in all of the books are set in roughly the same pattern comprising a personalized narrative of a typical job in the field; a survey of its other aspects; a few of history's milestones. For instance in *Ships at Work* Jim is an able seaman through whose activities we learn of a typical day on a freighter and the events of a voyage to the Mediterranean- a good spot to turn to the past for a glimpse of old Phoenician and Arab vessels. Then the text leaves Jim to take a look at foreign ships and further on, ships that serve different trades and purposes... TRAINS AT WORK and TRUCKS AT WORK are similar in scope but supply less information about other countries. MACHINES AT WORK is a nice introduction to the "man-made giants"- bulldozers, loaders, tractors, all sorts of farm, building and conveying aids that propel our economy. Well known in their field, all the illustrators have drawn enlightening pictures which have been printed in four colors. Long lives predicted. Library binding. Cloth. (2/2)

TWELVE TO FIFTEEN- FICTION

Benary-Isbert, Margot Harcourt, Brace
THE ARK $2.50

A heart felt story of a post-war German refugee family of five, but one that falls short of significance by way of sentimentality and an appeal to a too-sunny attitude towards life. From Pomerania, the Lechows - mother and children, Matthias the eldest, Margaret, Andrea, and small Joey- come to the town of Hesse in West Germany and are allotted two rooms in the house of Mrs. Verduz. With spirit- and it is here that there are the overdoses of gaiety- they settle down and find the friends who will keep them company. Matthias gets a construction job, Andrea and Joey go to school. But in particular it is quiet Margaret's story and her love of animals leads them all to friendship with another family who own a farm in the country and who in the end, offer the Lechows an old railroad car on their land for a more permanent home. As a surprise Dr. Lechow, whom the family believes may have been lost to the invading Russians, returns. Superficial treatment of more vital elements in pinioned country however, makes the book a disappointment. (2/26: LC- 52-13677) A translation by Clara and Richard Winston.

Brown, Pamela Harcourt, Brace
FAMILY TROUPE $2.75

A gay, smartly paced tale of the trials and tribulations of an itinerant English actor's family in the 1850's, is here told by a BBC television producer for children. The Mannerings- Joshua, Seraphina, Cecily, Lexy and 7-year old Clem, do Shakespeare and Restoration plays in the northern industrial towns. Homely but resourceful Lexy deals with the troubles in their cluttered lives, from the return of Cecily to their midst after six years of finishing school. There are flops on one-night stands, thefts, dissatisfied audiences, Cecily's hidden romance and so on, but the succession of disasters never quite submerge exuberant Lexy and her light-hearted family. Cecily finally elopes with a rich suitor, and there's a happy ending to the family problems. Robert Frankenberg has done atmospheric drawings for a pleasant book. (2/26 -- LC-52-11967)

Fenner, Phyllis- *Ed.* Knopf
STORIES OF THE SEA $3.00

Nordhoff and Hall, Thor Heyerdahl, Armstrong Sperry are some of the sea worthy craftsmen crewing for this trim anthology. Phyllis Fenner is a selector with imagination and with a course that charts points from Hatteras to Australia and cites deeds of rescue, mutiny, treasure hunting and the rest, she has fashioned an anthology in keeping with an established good service record. Drawings by Kurt Werth illustrate each story in vigorous line. (2/16)

Elkins, Evelyn Lippincott
CHUCK $2.75

*Chronicles in the life of a young son of a Florida corn farmer that have in them the breath of life and its problems and humor that people found in *The Yearling* or in Daniel Doan's *The Crystal Years*- a first novel published last year. (P. 521). The chapters are like short sketches in themselves, but their threads of connection in the characters and the remembrances of everyday events are ample lure for readers who shy away from the episodic. The first is of thirteen year old Chuck's victory over a siege of polio that is won by his determination to care for a new pet. When his older brother Frank, a disturbed war veteran, appears to shirk farm work, Chuck's anger is assuaged by his father's explanation of Frank's troubled mind. A splendid passage, devoid of sentiment, describes the humor and conveys the pathos of a visit from Chuck's blind cousin. In a style that mirrors both land and people- a book that is immediate and in its directness, reflective of the true feelings of humans. Illustrated by John S. Gretzer. (3/18: LC- 53-5422)

TWELVE TO FIFTEEN- NON-FICTION

Lewellen, John Crowell
BIRDS AND PLANES: HOW THEY FLY $2.00

*A free flowing introduction to flight that uses an inductive method couched in prose that often reads as absorbingly as an exciting novel. A gradual unfolding takes the course of history and explains man's attempts to fly before he actually knew the principles that would spell final success- the curved wing and the pressure creating vacuum with its lifting power. Legends- Daedalus and Icarus; the pioneer work of such as Lebris are recounted. Experimental landmarks and considerable attention to the work of the Wright Brothers and to the wing mechanics of different kinds of birds, make up the bulk of the book. To the author, flying is a natural thing and he has done marvelously in presenting it as one of man's greatest cooperative ventures with nature. Illustrated by Ava Morgan. (March: LC- 52-13131)

Real Books Garden City
2/2/53 ea. $1.25

Block, Irvin- THE REAL BOOK ABOUT SHIPS- A full bodied survey, interesting and easily presented, that starts with an extensive once over of the until recently biggest ship in the world- the *Queen Elizabeth*. After a conversational trip through her boiler rooms, galleys, poop decks and even a dip in the swimming pool, the chapters shift to history and there is a section each on Egypt, the old Mediterranean traders, Norsemen, the how and why of sailing ships, navigation, steam, whalers, battleships, and sailors themselves. A bibliography and added details on ship lore and legend are included. Illustrated in fine line by Manning de V. Lee.

Coy, Harold- THE REAL BOOK ABOUT RIVERS- Four sections- rivers as they shape the earth; America's river resources; "profiles" of some famous foreign rivers; harnessing rivers for power- divide a sensibly informative book about this particular part of the earth's waters. Water's source, erosion, irrigation, trade and communication and a preview of power are treated first and then enlarged on and referred to in the subsequent more specialized chapters. Informal narration holds the interest and as a book on rivers alone this might be read along with *Rocks, Rivers and the Changing Earth* by Herman and Nina Schneider. Illustrated by Fred Collins.

*Epstein, Samuel & Williams, Beryl- THE REAL BOOK ABOUT SPIES- A familiar writing

team that is especially good when at work on personalities, does a rather bang up job on the greats of espionage. Nathan Hale, Karl Shulmeister, Wilhelm Stieber, Mata Hari, the Churchill Club and Klaus Fuchs are some of the dozen or so agents and groups of agents who have gone to bat for country or for name- that the authors portray with zest and in a way that warns of spying's unglamourous side and the spy's often ignoble end. But there's plenty of thrill to offset the morals and John Pfiffner's drawings have a cloak and dagger air to them.

Gorham, Michael- THE REAL BOOK ABOUT INDIANS- Two personal histories- of the Seneca boy Sharp Shins and his adopted white brother in the days before the Revolution, and of Sacajawea of Lewis and Clark expedition fame, are highlights in a wide but informative sketch of North and a few South American Indians. Maps and an appendixed list of Indians by state help locate the different tribes. Well known tribes, the Cherokee and the Iroquois are given more consideration than smaller ones, though we see something of the Northwest coast through Sacajawea's eyes and are presented with fair pictures of pueblo life. Aztecs and Incas are relegated to an end chapter, but the information is clear and exciting because the civilizations were so. Good introduction.Pictures by Fred Collins.

Roberts, Jim- THE REAL BOOK ABOUT CAMPING- How to begin, what to get, where to go, how to get there, what to do when you get there- and essentially, how to discover the wonderful spirit of the out of doors, are extremely well detailed parts of this primer for living with nature. Wisely, the author advises yard camping and day trips first. More advanced doings include biking, overnights, outdoor plumbing and cookery, proper clothing, firebuilding, dealing with nature's hazards, finding new trailside hobbies. Fine supplementary reading for boy scout troups and a good supply of drawings by M. Stevens make the book an even further pleasure.

Gaer, Joseph — Little, Brown
HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD — $3.00

Christian, Jewish, Chinese, Mohammedan and Hindu holidays are some of the nationals Mr. Gaer enumerates and he does it in such a way as to tie in religious significance and heighten meaning by telling the stories behind the festivals. In the chapter on China, he starts with the Yang and Yin principles, explains a little of the original nature worship and arrangement of seasons and moves on to the overlay of Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. The Jewish Chanukah is backgrounded with the story of the Maccabees and the Passover with the days in Egypt and the coming of Moses. There is even, for the Mohammedan pilgrimages, a peek inside the Kaaba at Mecca. A fairly broad gauged book adults should enjoy too. (3/16- LC 52-12639)

FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Burgess, Leonard — Lippincott
SECOND SEASON JINX — $2.50

Baseball story. Left handed pitcher Clem Gompers, eighteen and with a season as a bright star rookie with the Silver Sox behind him- a $50,000 start- must prove his worth the second year, and he does. A scrappy club clashes with Clem's own temperamentalisms and there's a rivalry with a player from another outfit, but finally the series is won and Clem's a real star before he's drafted for service in Korea. Lots of diamond cutting for rock-solid fans. (2/18: LC- 52-13723)

Cottrell, Dorothy — Morrow
THE SILENT REEFS — $2.25

*Adventure-romance of the people of Home Island who seek the truth of what befell the *Christophe*, the island's ship and almost only means of support. Bankruptcy, hunts on the reefs, the goodness of Henri and Joseph, the two searching brothers are elements in the trail towards exposing evil and a story that captures the Caribbean in all its tropic color, the isolation and other world life of the islanders. There is a situation of wife desertion by one of the fraudulents, but it doesn't mar the over all value of the story for young people. (Full report on p. 15) (2/25)

Aleichem, Sholom — Henry Schuman
THE ADVENTURES OF MOTTEL THE CANTOR'S SON — $4.00

The last work of the famous Jewish humorist who has at times been dubbed the Yiddish Mark Twain. His people as he writes of them were immigrants who came from Russia to New York in the early 1900's and it is more in the vein of a loving and meticulous description of their mores than in suspense or social import, that the book will find attraction for readers. The wealth of funny adventures and the humorous situations met by Mottell and his family as they cross Europe and the Atlantic may make a good book to dip into, depending on the taste. Illustrated by Ilya Schor. (3/?)

NON-FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Gelatt, Roland — Knopf
MUSIC MAKERS — $3.75

Subtitled *The Careers and Personalities of Some Outstanding Musical Performers of Our Time*, this book embraces the performing world with a fine collection of conductors, vocalists, and instrumentalists. Firm evaluations and a professional touch make this an imposing volume. (Full report on p. 34) (3/9)

Floherty, John J. — Lippincott
SEARCH AND RESCUE AT SEA — $2.75

Being a veteran at both writing and sailing makes Mr. Floherty turn out meaty material about the United States Coast Guard. Illustrated with his own photographs the chapters flow along firmly over the wealth of the author's own experiences,- meeting at times storms as well as smooth seas, remembering dangerous rescues, recounting lore and know-how from weather ships and the first use of the "flying machine" on to helping Alaskan Eskimos. For the nautically minded, splendid fare. (3/18: LC-52-13722)

Mitchell, Carleton — Norton
BEYOND HORIZONS — $3.95

Rewritten and personally interpreted chronicles of the sea from Elizabethan days to the beginning of the 19th century, that describe the hazards for the sailors, the types of ships and the conditions under which the men lived, and centers around individual episodes. Cape Horn, Tahiti, the Northwest Passage are among the scenes in tales for hero worshippers of all ages. Decorative illustrations. (Full report on p. 30) (2/24)

Palmer, Arnold — Oxford
MOVABLE FEASTS — $3.75

A "Reconnaissance of the Origins and Consequences of Fluctuations in Meal-Times with Special Attention to the Introduction of Luncheon and Afternoon Tea" that discusses with polish British eating habits from 1780 to the situations produced by present day domestic help shortages. There are appropriate drawings by artists from each period and though the book may be less handled on a young adult shelf that elsewhere, it's delightful reading for the interested of any age.(Full report on p.25) (Publ.)

Lyon, Lt. Col. W. E. — Scribner
BALANCE AND THE HORSE — $3.50

A distinguished British horseman presents a readable if somewhat repetitive primer for aspiring huntsmen, showmen and trainers. Essentials are reinforced with photographs and sketches and the importance of balance is stressed. Especially good for beginning hunters with some riding experience. (Full report on. p. 26) (2/9)

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RELIGIOUS BOOK SUPPLEMENT

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Special Note

With Easter coming early this year (April 5) and Ash Wednesday falling on February 18th, plans for promotion of religious books for Lenten reading should be made now. Check on your steady items; go back over previous Religious Book Supplements for the high spots on which you feel special effort might now bring results. The following books, due within the pre-Lenten and Lenten period should be viewed with the seasonal emphasis factor.

Weatherhead, Leslie D. — Abingdon-Cokesbury
THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE — $1.00

D.R. The pastor of the City Temple in London is recognized as one of the great preachers in the English-speaking world and, in recent years, has become an authority in pastoral psychology as evidenced in his recent book *Psychology, Religion and Healing.* The present volume contains five devotional studies suitable for Lenten reading. They deal with the basic Christian faith in a living Christ under the following headings: "Christ is Risen"; "Christ is Alive Today"; "Christ Offers Life Now"; "Christ Offers Life Hereafter"; and "Christ is Relevent to Life Today". Dr. Weatherhead's writing is characterized by clarity and originality of expression as well as by the depths of his spiritual insights. (Jan.)

Gardiner, Harold C. SJ - *Ed.* — Devin-Adair
THE GREAT BOOKS: *A Christian Appraisal*-Vol. IV — $2.75

This is a symposium on the fourth years' program of the Great Books Foundation, edited and with an introduction by the Literary Editor of *America,* the well-known Catholic periodical. It is designed to help Catholic participants in an adult education program centering about the Great Books to evaluate the several books from a "Christian standpoint", by which is meant the Catholic standpoint. The contributors to these volumes are Catholic scholars. As some of the books are on the *Index* of prohibited books, that fact is pointed out and the reasons given. The books included in the fourth year program offer a variety of literary fare and the interpretations given of them not only serve as a valuable introduction to the study of each book but also as a revelation of the Catholic position on the many subjects dealt with in these writings. The books are from the writing of Hippocrates, Plato, Aristotle, Sextus Empiricus, St. Augustine, St. Thomas, Montaigne, Rabelais, Descartes, Bacon, Galileo, Harvey, Hume, Voltaire, Darwin, Dostoyevsky, Mill, James and Samuel Clemens. (Jan.)

Whitman, Howard — Doubleday
A REPORTER IN SEARCH OF GOD — $3.00 50

Done in the style of a newspaper or slick magazine feature article, this book tells the story of how the American people are searching for God. In unearthing his material the author traveled the length and breadth of the country and talked with all kinds of people, of all faiths and of no faith. As he went about he not only reported the evidence he found of a real search for God but joined in the search himself.

He details interviews with ecclesiastics, scientists, nature-lovers, atheists, soldiers, miners, psychiatrists, farmers. He had uppermost in his mind these questions: "Why are people turning to God?" "What do they mean by *God*?" "In plain language, What is God?" "What are people searching for?" His findings, related by means of interviews and human interest stories, will not satisfy the theologians of any school, but they do constitute convincing evidence of a real "heart hunger" in the American people which will be satisfied only by a real and vital religious experience. Because of its reportorial style this book may well "catch on" with the general public and become another evidence of the turning to God described therein, just as Catherine Marshall's *A Man Called Peter* has answered the need of thousands of readers. Preachers will find in it a wealth of illustrative material. No sectarian bias. (2/19- LC 52-13387)

Davies, J. G. Duell, Sloan & Pearce

DAILY LIFE OF EARLY CHRISTIANS $3.50

This is a unique venture in the field of church history. For the author is endeavoring to write the social history of the first centuries of the Christian era. This he does by describing the daily life of a few selected individuals: Clement of Alexandria, a sophisticated scholar; Paul, a profligate heretic of Antioch; Victoria, a martyr of Carthage; Diogenes, a sexton of Rome; John, a bishop of Constantinople, and John Cassian, a monk of Marseilles. By describing in detail their dress, their food, their manners and customs, and relating their conversations, the author does succeed in making these particular individuals live for his readers. As inevitably the author must take a mass of unrelated material and relate it to a particular time and city and individual, it is impossible to cite sources for his information in each case and the temptation to let the imagination run riot on a slender basis of fact must be great. But it is a challenging experiment and should attract considerable attention among those interested in church history. (3/12-53-5255)

Brunton, Paul Dutton

THE SPIRITUAL CRISIS OF MAN $4.00

This book begins with chapters headed "The Crisis in Society", "No Better World without Better Men", "The Machine Age", "The Crisis of Science and Intellect" etc. Its diagnosis of the evils of the day is couched in the familiar terms of secularism, materialism, the sag in moral standards, the lack of spiritual ideals. When it comes to the prescription for a cure the reader encounters words like "World-Mind", "Over-Self", "Life Force" and finds much emphasis upon meditation, peace of mind, knowledge of divine laws. Readers of "New Thought" literature and Christian Scientists will find in this book a congenial and readable guide as they face the crisis of the present day. (3/1 - LC - 52-12691)

Dean, James E. Dutton

KEYS THAT UNLOCK THE SCRIPTURES $3.00

This is an attempt to make available to the average reader the findings of scholars as to what the Bible really teaches. An idea as to the content and method of presentation is given by the sixteen "keys" offered to open up the meaning of the Bible. Among them are the following: "Peculiarities of our English Bible;" "The Work of the Archeologists"; "The Idea of an Inerrant Bible", (the author does not accept the strict concept of Scriptural inerrancy); "Literature Rather than Law"; "A Progressive Revelation"; "Jesus the Focal Point"; "The Various English Versions". A good introductory book for the laity. (3/2 - LC - 52-12948)

Glatzer, Nahum N. Farrar, Straus & Young
THE LIFE AND THOUGHT OF FRANZ ROSENZWEIG ~~$5.00~~ 6.00

*This is a remarkably able and interesting interpretation of a very remarkable man. Although Franz Rosenzweig was a Jew and will be remembered primarily for his contribution to Jewish thought, his stature as a philosopher, writer and teacher transcended all faiths, so that all western culture can claim him and acknowledge an indebtedness to him. Brought up in a Jewish home where religion was largely lip service, Rosenzweig's studies soon led him to question seriously the philosophical idealism then prevalent in Germany and in all faiths. He became convinced that a vital religious faith was necessary for him and his contemporaries, and was moving in the direction of accepting the Christian faith in the Protestant Church, when a determining experience on the Day of Atonement made it clear to him that such an experience could best be attained by him and other Jewish intellectuals by reviving and revitalizing their ancient faith and practice of Judaism. This experience he attempted to share with others by means of the *Freies Judisches Lehrhaus* and its program of adult education and through his writings. The first part of the book outlines Rosenzweig's life by means of extracts from his letters to his family and friends and from his diary, with comments by the author. The second part of the book gives a broad picture of Rosenzweig's thought by extracts from his writings. A very stimulating book which will appeal to all interested in the spiritual and intellectual life of the past fifty years, Christians as well as Jews. (1/22)

Adams, Theodore F. Harper
MAKING YOUR MARRIAGE SUCCEED $2.00

For young people about to be married or newly married this will be a very helpful book, provided that they are steeped in the Protestant evangelical tradition and are therefore disposed to accept its presuppositions. Those of other faiths and of no faith will not know what the author is talking about. They need a different kind of book. But Protestant ministers and Protestant parents will find this a good book to put in the hands of their young people. It sets forth the Christian basis of love and marriage. Its scope and approach may be judged by some of its chapter headings: "Not Too Young"; "So You Think You Are in Love"; "Winning Friends and Marrying One"; "So You Are Engaged"; "A House with a Home Inside"; "Headaches and Heartaches in Marriage"; "Broken Hearts and Broken Homes"; "The Golden Years". There is a short but good bibliography. (1/21)

Kennedy, James W. Harper
HENRY DRUMMOND $3.00

Henry Drummond was one of the most appealing and influential personalities in the Protestant Christian world of the late nineteenth century. Becoming associated with Dwight L. Moody on the occasion of the evangelist's visit to Scotland, Drummond became a great evangelist in his own right especially in student circles. He was radically different from Moody. Drummond was an intellectual who accepted the presuppositions of science which the fundamentalist followers of Moody thought were of the Devil. Drummond's forte was with individuals and small groups. He never had Moody's power to sway large audiences from the platform. Above all, his was a winsome personality which drew men not so much to himself as to the Christ. Drummond's book *The Greatest Thing in the World* is still in great demand. But his other books, exceedingly popular in an earlier day, are now out of print, and consequently the man and his message are largely unknown to this generation. This book is designed to rediscover Drummond and introduce him to Christians of today. His life and work are outlined in a few brief chapters. There follow excerpts from some of his more significant writings with introductory notes by the author. Here one will find selections from *Natural Law in the Spiritual World, The Ascent of Man, The New Evangelism, Spiritual Diagnosis,* and from some of his addresses and sermons. This study of Drummond's ministry and message will be of particular interest to those who are engaged in personal counselling and utilizing the methods of psycho-therapy. For Drummond was preeminently a minister to individuals, a master in "the cure of souls".(1/21)

McKnight, Felix R. Holt

THE EASTER STORY $2.50

A religious gift book of popular appeal and popular price, this brief and simple retelling of the story of Jesus from Palm Sunday to His Resurrection will serve well as a special Easter item, with sales in good part dependent on the detailed outlay. Illustrations will be in nine colors, the jacket in four colors, sides hand designed, end papers colored, spine of cloth, chapter headings hand-lettered, face of case hand-designed paper. The book has been approved by Protestant and Catholic churchmen. As final copy has not been received, the visual appeal cannot be reported on here - keep a watchful eye out for it. Non-denominational. (LC 53-5503)

Van De Pol, W.H. Philosophical Library
Translated by G. Van Hall $4.75

THE CHRISTIAN DILEMMA

"The Christian Dilemma" described in this book centers about the division between Catholicism and Protestantism. The author is a Roman Catholic priest in Holland who is a convert from Protestantism. He has made a special study of the problem of Christian unity and in view of his experience is in a position to understand both the Protestant and the Catholic point of view. In particular, he is concerned to elaborate the reasons why the Roman Catholic Church is constrained to remain aloof from the ecumenical movement, now organized in the World Council of Churches. Dr. Van De Pol writes in an irenic spirit, but of course is nevertheless uncompromising in his adherence to the Catholic position that true Christian unity can be accomplished only in "the one true visible Church" i.e. the Roman Catholic Church. Students of the ecumenical movement, both Catholic and Protestant, will find this an enlightening study. (Publ.)

Shinn, Roger L. Scribner

CHRISTIANITY AND THE PROBLEM OF HISTORY $4.50

"What is the meaning of history in the light of the Christian faith?" This is one of the central questions of modern theology. Nowhere has it been discussed with more thoroughness or more clarity than in this book. The concepts of history prevalent at various stages in the history of the Christian era are clearly set forth as given in the teaching of the early church, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Calvin and Luther. The positions of Hegel, Kant, Marx, Rauschenbusch, Barth, Bruner and Toynbee are expounded in considerable detail. He makes a clear case for the devastating effect upon the concept of history as progress which has been wrought by the two world wars and the necessity of revising our thought about the end of history or eschatology. The author sees these strands of thought running through history: the eschatologial, the ecclesiastical and the dynamic, and he pleads for a proper balancing of the three as he comes down to present day life and thought. A book for theologians and historians. (3/??)

Trese, Leo Sheed & Ward

A MAN APPROVED $2.25

*Written by a Roman Catholic priest, this is a book for priests and those in training for the priesthood. Transcribed out of experience, the author not only tells why be became a priest, but describes the life and work of a priest and the opportunities and dangers which his vocation entails. Officiating at the Mass, preaching and pastoral work, the problems incident to keeping the vows of chastity and poverty are dealt with realistically and helpfully. It is a book which should be put in the hands of every Catholic seminary student and young priest. Imprimatur. (2/18 - LC - 53-5197)

Vann, Gerald O.P. Sheed & Ward
THE SEVEN SWORDS $3.00

D.R. This series of seven Lenten addresses prefaced by an introductory chapter entitled *The Sinner who Looks Like a Saint* constitutes for the Catholic reader devotional reading of the very highest order. The author has a facility with words and an ability to make spiritual truth pertinent to the problems of the day. The book carries eight illustrations by El Greco and in format as well as content is a most suitable Lenten gift book. Imprimatur. (1/22)

Ward, Maisie- *Ed.* Sheed & Ward
BE NOT SOLICITOUS $3.00

Unfortunately, the title gives no idea of the content and nature of this book. The sub-title *Sidelights on the Providence of God and the Catholic Family* is better, but still not adequate. For here we have a forthright defense of the Christian home in accordance with Catholic teaching. The first part of the book is devoted to a relation by Maisie Ward of the strains put upon the Christian family by modern life with its secularistic philosophy. There follows a series of well-written "human interest" stories which indicate how the writers had met their problems as true Catholics. How to combat the evils of divorce, how to have a happy family life though poor, how to adjust to trial and tribulation, how to justify (and support) a large family of children - these are some of the topics dealt with in these vignettes of personal experience. This is no sociological treatise or theological homily, but a very readable and interesting human document. (1/22-LC 53-5194)

Wu, John C.H. Sheed & Ward
INTERIOR CARMEL: *The Threefold Way of Love* $3.25

The author of this book is a distinguished Chinese scholar, a convert to Christianity and a student of the contemplative life. The purpose of this book is to demonstrate that man can live in the world with the spirit of the cloister. He believes that we were all born to be saints and that the seeds of sanctity are at hand for planting, nurturing and ripening. This theme he develops under the headings: "The Budding of Love", "The Flowering of Love", "The Ripening of Love". The influence of the Chinese classics and the Christian mystics, notably St. John of the Cross, are clearly reflected in this devotional book. For Catholic readers. Imprimatur.(3/11) (LC - 53-5580)

Guthrie, Dwight Raymond Univ. of Pittsburgh
JOHN McMILLAN, THE APOSTLE OF PRESBYTERIANISM IN THE WEST $3.00

Detailed historical research has gone into the seemingly limited appeal biography of a pioneer Presbyterian minister in Western Pennsylvania. Through its pages, however, varied points of interest emerge:- the contribution of the Scotch-Irish to the making of America; the early relation of church and state; the influence of the church on political life in the period (1752-1833); religion as proclaimed and lived by Presbyterians of the day; beginnings of higher education and its religious roots. McMillan, preacher, teacher, (in what is now Washington and Jefferson College), was instrumental in founding Western Theological Seminary, and stands out- despite a clutter of irrelevant facts- as a doughty example of the early American character. Special market in Pittsburgh area. (Publ.)

Dillistone, F.W. Westminster
JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CROSS $2.50

* D.R. The theological and devotional approaches to the cross are blended in this thoughtful and reverent volume. The author's purpose in this book is primarily to provide material suitable for devotional reading. But he regards careful theological study as a prerequisite to a satisfying devotional meditation upon the meaning of the cross. It is therefore a book which Protestant ministers looking ahead to the Lenten season will find most helpful to their spiritual and intellectual preparation. The chapters of the book deal with those aspects of the cross represented in the words descriptive of the crucified Christ: "The Saviour - Hero", "The Great Shepherd of the Sheep","The Son who was not Spared","The Sin Bearer," "The Great High Priest","The Servant of the Lord," "The Glory of the Cross". Recommended highly for pre-lenten reading. (1/19/53)

A CALENDAR OF NEW BOOKS FOR FEBRUARY

F I C T I O N

CONTEMPORARY

February 2-	Phillips, John	THE SECOND HAPPIEST DAY- February Book of the Month Club selection. (Harper)	$3.75	767
February 16-	MacInnes, Helen	I AND MY TRUE LOVE (Harcourt, Brace)	3.50	52
February 25-	Fowler, Helen	THE INTRUDER- March Literary Guild selection. (Morrow)	3.00	772
February 25-	Harcourt-Smith, R.	FEVER OF LOVE (Longmans, Green)	3.00	771
February 27-	Hull, Helen	LANDFALL (Coward-McCann)	3.50	16
February 27-	Morrison, Theodore	THE STONES OF THE HOUSE (Viking)	3.50	16

PERIOD, HISTORICAL

February 19-	Mason, F.van Wyck	GOLDEN ADMIRAL (Doubleday)	3.95	770
February 19-	Roark, Garland	THE WRECK OF THE RUNNING GALE (Doubleday)	3.50	14
February 24-	Wilkins, Vaughan	A KING RELUCTANT (Macmillan)	3.50	771

THRILLERS

February 4-	Jay, Charlotte	BEAT NOT THE BONES (Harper)	2.50	750
February 9-	Brand,Christianna	FOG OF DOUBT (Scribner)	2.50	57
February 11-	Gullingford, Guy	IF WISHES WERE HEARSES (Lippincott)	2.50	751
February 13-	Holding,Elisabeth S.	WIDOW'S MITE (Simon & Schuster)	2.50	21

N O N - F I C T I O N

BIOGRAPHY

February 9-	Randall,Ruth Painter	MARY LINCOLN (Little, Brown)	5.75	756
February 11-	Reid, Pat	THE COLDITZ STORY (Lippincott)	3.95	757
February 16-	Katkov, Norman	THE FABULOUS FANNY (Knopf)	3.95	776
February 19-	Nichols, Beverly	MERRY HALL (Dutton)	3.75	780
February 23-	Bryan, Helen	INSIDE (Houghton, Mifflin)	3.00	758
February 25-	Reynolds, Quentin	I, WILLIE SUTTON (Farrar,Straus & Young)	3.50	58

CURRENT ISSUES

February 18-	Lilienthal,David E.	BIG BUSINESS (Harper)	3.00	779
February 26-	Muhlen, Norbert	THE RETURN OF GERMANY (Regnery)	4.50	30

LITERARY AND CHOICE

February 26-	Brooks, Van Wyck	THE WRITER IN AMERICA (Dutton)	3.00	782
February ??-	Quennell, Peter	THE SINGULAR PREFERENCE (Viking)	3.75	60

MISCELLANEOUS

February 23-	de Beauvoir, Simone	THE SECOND SEX (Knopf)	10.00	28